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Friend --

This week, I collaborated with the organization *Arts for LA* to host a special City Council presentation to shine the spotlight on our city's vibrant and diverse arts community.

The celebration featured actor Amy Aquino, spoken word artist Bryonn Bain, muralist Judy Baca, Youth arts advocate Alex Johnson, and Arts for LA executive director Sofia Klatzker. The Council chamber was filled with artists and arts leaders, music, and poetry!

Art and culture elevate society and nurture the soul. Nothing explains the world around us and our place in it better than the arts. It is the ultimate expression of who we are at the very core. As Chair of the City's Arts, Parks, and LA River Committee, I am proud to play my part in helping to enhance the arts and artistic expression across the City of Los Angeles.

Over the past three years, my colleagues and I re-established the [Arts Development Fee](#), freeing up millions of dollars for the arts in Los Angeles. We revived the long stalled [mural ordinance](#), and are [elevating the prominence of Hollywood's Theatre Row along Santa Monica Boulevard](#) in the 13th Council District. As someone who once made his living as a professional artist, this day has a special relevance to me personally. I can draw from my experiences in helping to craft thoughtful policy to promote arts and culture in the City of Los Angeles.

[Enjoy this link with Bryonn's performance in the Council chamber](#), and in the meantime I will be sure to update you on all the policy items I'm directing for the City of LA. Together, we are making a better Los Angeles that incorporates the very best in our creative class, working to make art more accessible to everyone regardless of age, income level, or social status. Art is for everyone!

Warm regards,

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Mitch O'Farrell

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